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Dear Eric,

Thanks for your letter. It's great to hear from you, and of course I'm flattered that my Coin World article had such an effect on you! As far as I know, undetectable reproductions of coins are not possible to make today by any means, although of course coins are being altered more and more expertly these days. I personally believe that surveillance technology will develop fast enough to protect the integrity of original coins. In other words, before undetectable forgeries of coins and other objets d'art can be routinely produced, it will be inexpensive enough to permanently monitor and document the originals electronically.

Please accept the enclosed copies of my novels with my compliments. I've been told that it's more enjoyable if you read The Truth Machine before reading The First Immortal. I hope you enjoy them.

All best wishes,

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